

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A receiving apparatus comprising:
 - reception means for receiving data on a stream broadcast via a network;
 - 5 a memory which is capable of storing a predetermined amount of the received data on a stream broadcast;
 - 10 data processing means for processing the data on a stream broadcast stored on the memory to generate video data for the stream broadcast;
 - video output means for outputting the video data to a display apparatus;
 - detection means for detecting interruption point data indicating a position where the stream broadcast should be interrupted out of the received data on a stream broadcast; and
 - 15 control means for, when a state at which the stream broadcast should be interrupted is detected, controlling the data processing means and the video output means to stop the output of the video data at a position instructed in the interruption point data detected by the detection means.
2. A receiving apparatus according to claim 1,
 - 25 wherein the control means monitors abnormality of communication based upon a stored data amount of the memory and a communication rate of the data on a

stream broadcast by the reception means.

3. A receiving apparatus according to claim 2,
wherein the control means further controls the
5 data processing means and the video output means to
restart the output of the video data from the
position instructed in the interruption point data in
response to an amount of data of the data on a stream
broadcast stored on the memory having reached a
10 predetermined amount after stopping the output of the
video data.

4. A receiving apparatus according to claim 3,
wherein the control means further detects an
15 estimated time when the output of the video data can
be restarted based upon the amount of data, which is
stored on the memory while the output of the video
data is stopped, and the communication rate, and then
controls the video output means to display
20 information of the estimated time.

5. A receiving apparatus according to claim 3,
wherein the detection means further detects
restart point data indicating a restart point after
25 stopping the video output out of the data on a stream
broadcast, and controls the data processing means and
the video output means to restart the output of the

video data from a position instructed in the detected restart point data.

6. A receiving apparatus according to claim 1,
5 wherein the control means further controls the video output means to output predetermined video data instead of video data according to the data on a stream broadcast after stopping the output of the video data.

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7. A receiving apparatus according to claim 6,
wherein, in the case in which an amount of data
of the data on a stream broadcast stored on the
memory has reached a predetermined amount after
15 stopping the output of the video data, the control
means further controls the data processing means and
the video output means to restart the output of the
video data from a position instructed in the
interruption point data after the predetermined video
20 data ends.

8. A receiving apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the detection means further detects
location information of a second distribution server,
25 which is capable of distributing data on a stream
broadcast at or after the interruption point, out of
the data on a stream broadcast, and the control means

controls the reception means to make connection to the second distribution server when abnormality of communication is detected.

5 9. A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the detection means further detects two kinds of levels of the interruption point data out of the data on a stream broadcast, and the control means selects the two kinds of levels of the interruption
10 point data according to a type of a communication rate of the connected network.

10 10. A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the interruption point data is data which designates a position where the stream broadcast should be interrupted after a CM ends and before a program following the CM starts, which are included in the data on a stream broadcast.

20 11. A receiving method, comprising the steps of:

receiving data on a stream broadcast via a network;
storing the received data on a stream broadcast
25 on a memory;
processing the data on a stream broadcast stored on the memory to generate video data for the

stream broadcast;

 outputting the video data for display;

 detecting interruption point data indicating a position where the stream broadcast should be

5 interrupted out of the received data on a stream broadcast; and

 stopping the output of the video data at a position instructed in the detected interruption point data when a state at which the stream broadcast

10 should be interrupted is detected.

12. A receiving apparatus comprising:

 receiver for receiving data on a stream broadcast via a network;

15 a memory which is capable of storing a predetermined amount of the received data on a stream broadcast;

 data processor for processing the data on a stream broadcast stored on the memory to generate

20 video data for the stream broadcast;

 video output for outputting the video data to a display apparatus;

 detector for detecting interruption point data indicating a position where the stream broadcast

25 should be interrupted out of the received data on a stream broadcast; and

 controller for, when a state at which the

stream broadcast should be interrupted is detected,
controlling the data processor and the video output
to stop the output of the video data at a position
instructed in the interruption point data detected by
5 the detector.